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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONOKONG,
No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRIENDS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 16th Inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1101

NOTICE.

NEITHER the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS Contracted by the CAPTAIN, OFFICERS or CREW of the American Barque Southern Chief during her stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1097

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3. Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more than that, or in any of their option, may for the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4. Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6. Withdrawals as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7. Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 363

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE, and THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.

A. E. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 804

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectively informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1458

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF

TABLE GLASS WARE,

In a Variety of

ETCHED, Gilt and ENGRAVED PATTERNS in LIQUEURS, HALF-SHERRY, SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, HOCK, and CHAMPAGNE GLASSES, CHAMPAGNE HALF-PINT and PINT TUMBLERS, FINGER BOWLS, ICE PLATES, QUART and PINT DECANTERS, CLARET JUGS, WATER JUGS, OUSTARD CUPS, JELLY GLASSES, SALT CELLARS, CARAFES and TUMBLERS, BUTTER DISHES, and CREAM JUGS.

There can be bought in Sets to match throughout or in odd dozen.

A full Set of above will be exhibited during the week, PRICES VERY MODERATE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1104

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 25th Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1094

WANTED by TWO BACHELORS, a Small
HOUSE or Three ROOMS at the
Peak. Apply to

X. Y. Z.,
Care of THIS OFFICE.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887. 1093

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometers, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silvermiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC and
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S INK and OTHER COMPANIES,
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NAUTICAL BOOKS.

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CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,
in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FIRE BRICKS of SUPERIOR
QUALITY FOR SALE at
PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:—

"I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS as made by you at your works.

" In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary FIRE BRICK used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English FIRE BRICK.

" After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to receive degrees of heat that may be likely to undergo, and for all purposes that FIRE BRICKS are used for.

" I am now about to build there into one of my furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English FIRE BRICKS I have been using."

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.,
THE LONDON AERATED WATERS
MANUFACTURERS,

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CONTINUE to SUPPLY

Their popular AERATED DRINKS, viz.:
SODA WATER,
TONIC WATER,
SUGAR WATER,
SABARAWALA,
LEMONADE,
GINGERADE,
RASPBERRYADE,
&c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL RATES to LARGE
CONSUMERS.

Hongkong, May 6, 1887. 595

THE SHARK FISHERY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for SHARES will be
Received by the SECRETARY until
further Notice.

JOHN WILLMOTT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 983

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
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(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LATELY ASSISTANT to DR. ROGERS.)

A. T. the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-
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No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Soles Address—
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(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 984

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Case of CLOTHING, Books, or

PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 16, 1886. 1060

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN, Proprietor.

Mr. F. H. POOLOCK, Business Manager.

FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY!

COMMENCING

WEDNESDAY,

the 15th June, 1887.

Return of the Established Favourites.

JOHN F. SHERIDAN

AND HIS MATCHLESS COMPANY,

AFTER THEIR BRILLIANT TOUR,

And now en route for London, will appear

on the above date.

NEW AND SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

Arranged expressly for the

Return Visit.

Further particulars duly announced.

Box Plan now open at MESSRS. LANE,

CRAWFORD & CO.

W. J. ALLEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 8, 1887. 1056

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP MERIONETHSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Oil, are being landed at their risk to the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & General Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 17th instant will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, the 17th June, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1100

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Lydia, Captain J. Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 9th instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & General Co. and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SEIMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887. 1085

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Steamship *Merionethshire*, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1103

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship *General Werder*, Capt. W. von Schuckmann, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 17th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1106

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Braunschweig*, Captain Schubert, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1107

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 30th June, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama, and other Japan Ports to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to English, French, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, no allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 20% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 1 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packed Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day. All Packed Packages should be marked to discharge in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Gated Envelopes addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 84 Queen's Road Central.

G. D. HARMAN,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1108

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship Lydia.

Captain J. Voss, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SLEIMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1109

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

The Steamship Port Augusta.

H. H. Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, 15th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1102

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAINT, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS;

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th day of July, 1887, at 4 p.m., the Company's S.S. *Braunschweig*, Captain Schubert, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPELLE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above calling at Gdynia.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board from 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 6th July. (Parcels must not be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1105

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

June 11, 1887.—

Kroningsen, British steamer, from Whampoa.

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Jens Christensen, Norwegian steamer, 1,107 G. B. Bjork, Kuchingtozu June 6.

Minor Russian Kameha.

Stentor, British steamer, 1,307 S. Milligan, Shanghai June 7. Tea—Butterfield & Swaine.

Soochow, British steamer, 337 J. Rovin, Hoihow June 9. General—Kwong Lee Loon.

Tugboat, German steamer, 1,142 A. Bielen, Bangkok June 6. Rice—Siamese & Co.

Ingraham, German steamer, 1,054 M. Poco.

Manila June 8. General—Bur Bir Chan.

Tetard, German steamer, 1,037 Peter Nagasaki June 7. Coal—Takamatsu.

Collins, British steamer, 1,247 P. T. Holmes, Sydney June 8. Brisban June 1.

Towboat, Thursday Island 8. Port Darwin 15. Sourabaya 25. Batavia 6. Port and Singapore 5. Sugar and Rice—Russell & Co.

Ching-ko, British steamer, 1,056 MacHugh, Saigon June 7. General—A. A. Karrig & Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 11.—

Fay, for Shanghai.

Changtu, for Foochow.

Actin, for Haiphong.

Inouyado, for Shanghai.

Volga, for Yokohama.

Dardanus, for Amoy and Shanghai.

Deuterio, for Amoy.

Glenlyon, for Singapore and London.

City of Sydney, for San Francisco.

Cebes, for Singapore and Singapore.

Nanow, for Canton.

Angers, for Amoy.

Fay, for Shanghai.

E. J. Spence, for Whampoa.

Visions, for Amoy and Manila.

Diamante, for Amoy and Manila.

Alacrity, British dispatch-vessel, for a cruise.

OILERS.

Signal, for Hoihow.

Lydia, for Yokohama.

Athena, for Touren.

Melfita, for Touren.

Nord-n., for Swatow.

B. Prindzberg, for Singapore.

Stentor, for Singapore.

Merionethshire, for Yokohama.

Anton, for Swatow.

Ingraham, for Amoy.

OCEANS.

Per Iroquois, from Manila, 112 Chinese.

Per Ching-ko, from Saigon, 151 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.

Per Iroquois, for Shanghai.

Per Lydia, for Foochow.

Per Actin, for Haiphong.

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Volga, for Yokohama.

Dardanus, for Amoy and Shanghai.

Deuterio, for Amoy.

Glenlyon, for Singapore.

Cebes, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.

Touren, British ship, Captain S. Davis.

Order.

ARRIVED.

Per Stentor, from Shanghai, Mr. J. Lang.

Loven, for London.

Per Soochow, from Hoihow, 1 European, and 51 Chinese.

Per Ingraham, from Manila, 112 Chinese.

Per Ching-ko, from Saigon, 151 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Stentor, from Shanghai, Mr. J. Lang.

Loven, for London.

Per Soochow, from Hoihow, 1 European, and 51 Chinese.

Per Ching-ko, from Saigon, 151 Chinese.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet.

Day of Departure.

NOON.—Sunday Order Office closes.

2 P.M.—Sunday Order Office closes.

Post office of all printed matter and postmen ceases.

3 P.M.—Mail closed, except for Late Letters.

3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 3 p.m.

3.30 P.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

LONDON, JUNE 11, 1887.

TO DAY.

Per Signal for Hoihow, 16 Chinese.

Per Lydia, for Yokohama, 1 European.

SHIP IN REPORTS.

The British steamer Stentor reports.

Fox to Turnabout, then moderate S. and S.W. winds to port.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close.

Per Ingrian, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 12th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.

Per Lydia, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday

THE CHINA MAIL.

WHEN the Prince of Wales was leaving Manchester a member of the Town Council pushed himself forward, and in a burst of loyalty said: "Bring the old woman with thee next time!" The Prince looked surprised, not exactly understanding to whom the old woman was referring. Observing this, the latter said: "I mean your mother; for in this father and local fashion had he alluded to her Majesty."

The *Hawke* correspondent of the *N.C. D. News*, writing on the 2nd instant, says:—"The Anchors sailed this morning at 3.30 o'clock, and the *Glengary* is advertised for Tuesday morning (7th). Both these vessels have loaded at 23 10s., while, curiously enough, the mauls have been and are taking lower rates, viz., the *Oceanica*, French mail, £3, and the *Verona*, English mail, £3 6s. through rates from here to London."

Some time ago has occurred in the Shanghai silk market. Some Chinese have been buying the article, selling for future delivery—in one month—at Taku 20 per cent under quotations, buyers paying Tls. 20 bazaar money. The sellers will very likely have the best of the bargain, but it is something unknown before that Chinese should "bear" any of their produce. About 200 bales are reported as sold in this way.

N.C. D. News.

With reference to the Shantung gold mining enterprise, a correspondent of the *N.C. D. News* up north writes that he has had from two Chinese, who ought both to be well informed, different accounts of the results that are being obtained. One formed our correspondent that whatever account is correct the mines are going on very satisfactorily.

According to the *Shes Pao*, the gold mines at Shwang Shan, about 100 miles from Chaco, are now employing 600 men, who work in eight-hour gangs of 200 at a time continuously. A steam-engine has been obtained from San Francisco, and works a number of pointers or crushers, which can dispose of 60 tons of rough ore a day. The amount of pure gold obtained from the quicksilver troughs has not been very remunerative so far, but as the natural supply of water is very good, six tons of sulphur, with gold combined in small quantities, can be washed every day. At present the shaft is only 120 feet deep, but improvement is held for as the depth increases.—N.C. D. News.

This Liverpool ship *Inverness* has been posted at Lloyd's as missing—that is, given up as lost with all on board. The *Inverness*, a ship of 1,614 tons registered, left Penrith for Singapore on Oct. 14th last. She had a crew of thirty hands, all told. She was last seen off Lundy Island two days after sailing. Fearful weather was then prevailing. A tugboat which spoke the *Inverness* reported that she appeared to have been badly damaged, and it was feared that she had not weathered the storm. This was confirmed by the figure-head of the vessel, who had ashore at Bideford, as well as his boy and the stern of one of the boats. Sufficient time has elapsed for the vessel to have reached port if she had been afloat; and she is now given up as lost, with all on board.

OSAKA, May 8.—The Bernhardt season of three performances closed last night with an unexpected burlesque on "Frou-Frou." The audience was small and Bernhardt got mad and refused to play, but after considerable talk was induced to go on by the manager of the open-house. She took revenge by giving a burlesque performance. She played the actress, and Bernhardt the situation and joined with her in her play. Bernhardt introduced a thunder set, himself banging the artistic thunder with a vengeance. Frou-Frou died behind the scenes and was brought before the audience on a stretcher, and other similar innovations were introduced. The audience finally "caught on" and hissed and hissed. Owing to the delay in starting, the performance was not concluded until after midnight.

ANOTHER prisoner (says the *Straits Times*) in whose favour the prerogative of mercy might be exercised without detriment to the public welfare is A. J. Peck, at present in Singapore's goal. The prisoner was in September 1884 sentenced to five years' simple imprisonment for defrauding the Selangor Government of some \$3,000. He has already served nearly three years of his sentence, and as he will be entitled to a remission of 9 months on account of good conduct, the remaining period will not be long. Moreover, the prisoner is in bad health, and has a wife and child, and his friends have arranged to send the wife and family to another colony so soon as he is released. Under these circumstances we trust that His Excellency the Governor will see his way to extend his mercy to this prisoner also upon the happy occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

It is with much satisfaction that we note the building by a prominent transatlantic steam line of what is stated to be a practically unsinkable passenger vessel. The *Morlaine Register* has always advocated this feature of safety as that of the first importance. High speed, luxurious appointments and conveniences generally are necessary and may properly follow, but the passenger is above all should be first considered. When, however, all these features can be combined in the same vessel, as is proposed to do in the steamer about to be built, it helps to do away with a vast amount of anxiety and discomfort that is at present connected with ocean travel.

This number is intended safety in passenger steamers will undoubtedly receive greater attention from this time on than it has hitherto. The putting of one of the largest and sinkable ship in the transatlantic passenger service will, through competition for popular favor, necessitate the building either of others or the alteration of the present lines so that the chance of almost perfect safety from the dangers of the sea may be truthfully claimed. There is no good reason why attention to this matter has been deferred for so long a time. It cannot be laid to parsimony, for vast sums have been expended on passenger steamers in luxurious fittings for the comfort of passengers. A change, however, is no doubt soon to be witnessed in favor of a safer hull and the passenger lines and ocean voyagers will be the gainer.—N. Z. *Martine Register*.

OPENING OF THE FOOCHOW TEA MARKET.

Telegrams received this morning announce the opening of the Fouchow Tea Market yesterday. Business is restricted, and prices are said to be very much lower than they were last year. From native sources, we hear that the opening quotation for best Congou was 30% lower last year. This may be somewhat exaggerated, but the reduction is not very

praising. The whole crop may be described as inferior, the result of bad weather and carelessness combined. Possibly the Chinese will come to pay heed to Sir Robert Hart's warning, but that time has apparently not yet arrived. We believe the *Glengary* will be the first steamer to get away.

At Amoy, the *Montmorency* and *Glengary* will load together, but the latter vessel will be practically first boat away and believe a long way first. The *Glengary* is advertised for Tuesday morning (7th). Both these vessels have loaded at 23 10s., while, curiously enough, the mauls have been and are taking lower rates, viz., the *Oceanica*, French mail, £3, and the *Verona*, English mail, £3 6s. through rates from here to London.

Some time ago has occurred in the Shanghai silk market. Some Chinese have been buying the article, selling for future delivery—in one month—at Taku 20 per cent under quotations, buyers paying Tls. 20 bazaar money. The sellers will very likely have the best of the bargain, but it is something unknown before that Chinese should "bear" any of their produce. About 200 bales are reported as sold in this way.

FAGRANT WATERS MURMUR.—Hongkong breathes again, now that it is known that the wily and windy Sir George is not to venture any further self-sacrifice on its behalf.

That I hope Sir George Bowen will long survive this wretched to his moral feelings, and that he will continue for many years to draw the pension provided for him by a paternal Government.

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